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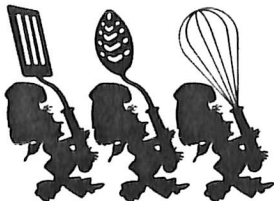
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Richmond, CA

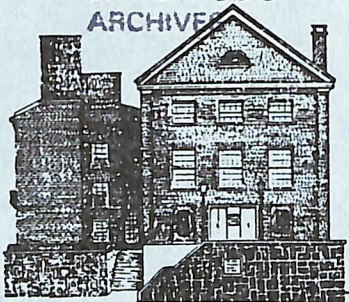




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FALL 1986

BREAKING WALLS

Last month I attended the semi-annual national meeting of "Affirmation," a group of United Methodists concerned about Gay and Lesbian Rights. The meeting was held over the weekend of Sept. 19-21 in Washington, D.C. and was hosted by two United Methodist churches in the District, both of which have reconciling congregations. There were approximately 75 persons in attendance--gay and straight, male and female, married and single, of all age groups and ethnic and racial backgrounds. I attended this meeting primarily to show support for my gay and lesbian friends and to gain a better understanding of what it means to be gay in relation to the Church, and what I, as a straight, married person in the Church could do to make inroads here at Hemenway Methodist Church in Evanston Ill, and elsewhere for my gay friends to gain more universal acceptance.

I was not disappointed. While there, I learned there was much that I could do individually as well as with others to make Hemenway UMC a "reconciling congregation (RC)," a congregation which publically affirms its openness to all people, no matter what their sexual preferences, ethnic or racial backgrounds, or political views may be.

The central theme of the weekend was the national "Affirmation Family," and we explored the topic in great detail, first defining what the term "family" meant to each of us and then describing how we interact with our "family" and what each of us can do to enrich, strengthen, and expand it. In small group sessions we explored the topic in even greater detail and for many people, the small group became a new "family" as we became emotionally closer to one another and shared our personal feelings about our individual "families" and what they mean to us. This was a very enriching experience and also somewhat of a surprise.

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BREAKING WALLS CON'T

Imagine putting 75 people together from all kinds of backgrounds and parts of the country and get them to not only talk and listen to one another but also to interact together and become a caring and enriching community in the space of one weekend! I think that's amazing and wonderful!

Judy Hicks



SPOKESPERSONS

Morris Floyd

Minneapolis, MN

Mary Gaddis

Holy City, CA

CONVOCATION SET FOR RECONCILING CONGREGATIONS



March 27-29, 1987 will be the date for "Empowering Reconciling Ministries...A National Convocation of Reconciling Congregations." For the first time, representatives of all the Reconciling Congregations will come together for a weekend of storytelling, workshops and forums, and input into the Reconciling Congregation Program. The event will be held in San Francisco and will be hosted by our sister churches in the area.

The convocation will reflect on images of reconciliation and what it means to be the church involved in a variety of social justice ministries.

Workshop topics will include AIDS ministries, Networking among Reconciling Congregations, Holy Unions, developing reconciling ministries within the local church, sexuality education, gay/lesbian youth issues, spreading the word about the Reconciling Congregation Program.

A brochure outlining the event in more detail will be available later this fall. Registration is limited for persons who are not members of Reconciling Congregations. For more information, write Reconciling Congregation Program, P.O. Box 24213, Nashville, TN, 37202.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

For the first time in our eleven year history, it will soon be possible to be an "official" member of AFFIRMATION.

Implementing the consensus reached at this fall's national meeting in Washington, D.C., a national membership campaign will be launched this month to encourage formal membership in Affirmation.

Every person currently receiving this newsletter -- as well as those active in local or regional Affirmation work -- will be given the opportunity to join the national community.

Key points of the new membership drive are inclusiveness and intentionality.

INCLUSIVENESS

Recognizing that our community is based on a variety of gifts that we share with each other, the membership plan developed at the Washington meetin warns, "AFFIRMATION must guard against becoming an exclusive group based on one's ability to pay." The plan also recognizes that work for AFFIRMATION is done on many levels -- local, regional, and national.

The plan therefore offers four different ways to join AFFIRMATION:

1. By being actively involved in local or regional AFFIRMATION activities;
2. By participating in national meetings;

3. By paying annual dues of \$10 or \$20; or
4. By simply affirming support for lesbian and gay concerns.

Under the new plan, any one of these activities (or any combination of them) is sufficient for membership in national AFFIRMATION. To become a member, you will simply declare the activity (or activities) on which your membership is based.



INTENTIONALITY

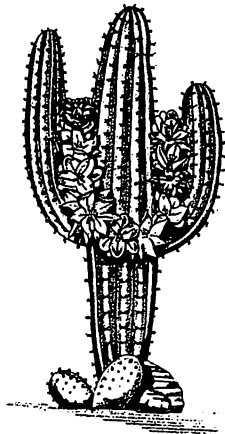
Emphasizing the "there is a need for individuals to be intentional about being part of the AFFIRMATION community," the plan states that "becoming part of the community must include more than responding to a post office box at some time in history."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CON'T

Accordingly, membership will be renewable on an annual basis. This yearly renewal, of which the current membership drive is the first, will encourage all of us to consider the dimensions of our commitments to AFFIRMATION and to reaffirm our membership in the national community.

It will also enable the national organization to know better its changing membership and to understand what resources of time, energy, and money its members are planning to give.

Members will receive the quarterly newsletter without any additional charge. Non-members and institutions may receive the newsletter by direct subscription. The membership list and subscription list will, of course, be strictly confidential.



BACKGROUND

Prior to this new consensus, AFFIRMATION simply had no definition of "members" and no commonly shared understanding of membership. Instead, national AFFIRMATION had a mailing list of those who for one reason or another at one time or another had expressed some kind of interest in AFFIRMATION.

Consequently, when asked about the size of nature of our membership, our co-spokespersons had no way to respond except to say that our mailing list had approximately so many names.

Furthermore, in the absence of clear expectations and procedures, modification of this list was frequently frustrating. Sometimes those who wanted regular contact with AFFIRMATION did not know where to turn and did not receive in a timely fashion the newsletter and other communication. At the same time, some continued to hear from us, long after their interest passed.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CON'T

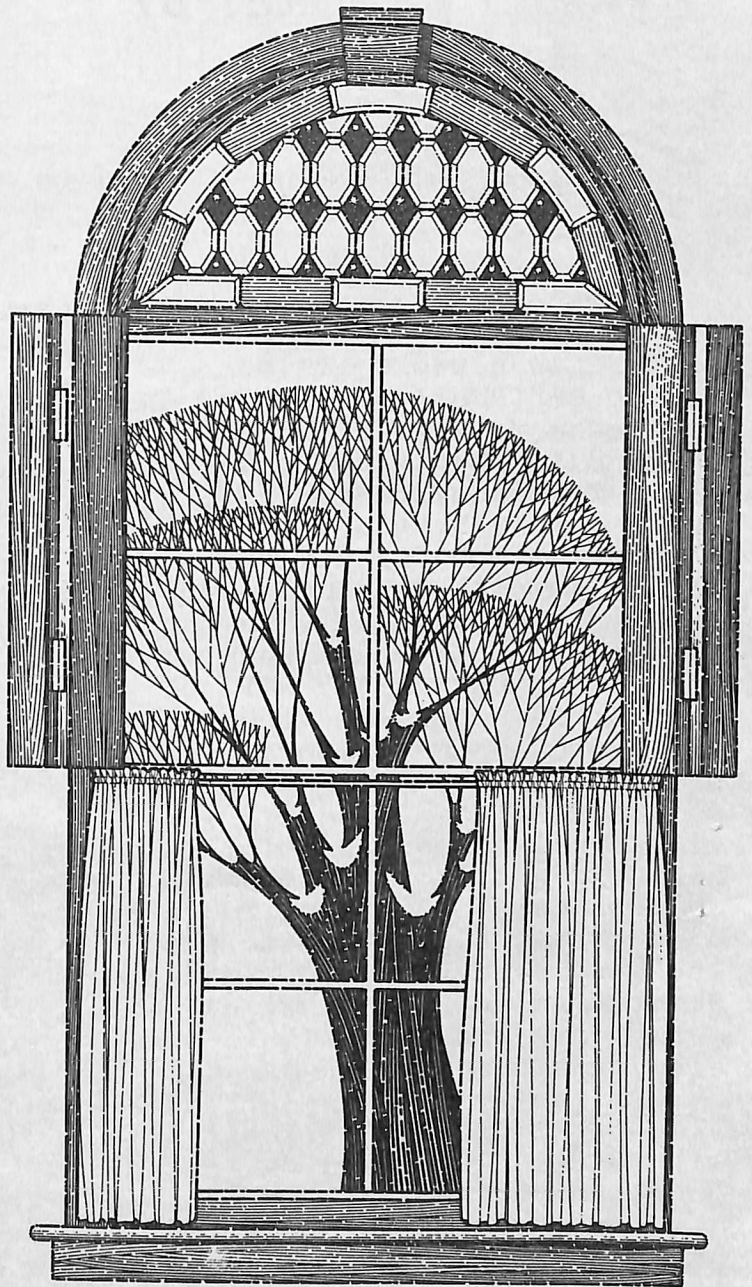
Culminating several years of discussion, the new membership plan and the membership drive are important first steps in improving communication and accountability within the national AFFIRMATION community. We now have a framework within which it will be easier to respect our needs for confidentiality, to build family and community, and to keep faith to our commitments and each other.

MORE INFORMATION

The consensus about membership is expressed in the document "AFFIRMATION Membership Proposal," which is reprinted in its entirety elsewhere in this newsletter. Please read that statement carefully for further details about the membership plan.

If you have questions about the membership plan or the membership drive, just drop a note to AFFIRMATION Membership, P.O. Box 1021, Evanston, IL. 60204.

Mike Underhill



FAMILY REUNION '87



More than two dozen members of the AFFIRMATION family enjoyed a delightful July 4th weekend in the shadow of Pikes Peak, Colorado, during the summer of 1985. Plans are already well under way for Family Reunion '87, and you will want to begin now to save the pennies and time necessary.

Family Reunion '87 will be held at Camp Virginia, located in the mountains about a hour's drive northwest of San Diego, California. Camp Virginia is within walking distance of the historic gold mining town of Julian, California, and features hiking trails, a swimming pool, and easy access to other mountain, desert and beach activities. Warm, sunny days and cool nights are also on the agenda.

Our family reunion is basically an unstructured time for relaxing with old friends, and making new ones. Responsibility for cooking and other chores is shared. Small groups get together to hike or take a day trip, while evenings feature singing and sharing around the campfire. Family Reunion '87 will include a special optional opportunity to explore our lesbian and gay heritage through reading and reflecting on the book Another Mother Tongue.

Family Reunion '87 will be held July 2-5, 1987. Persons with more time will have the option of arriving July 1. The cost has not been finally determined, but is expected to be approximately \$50 per person including accomodations and meals for the four day three night basic period. Tent camping will also be available at a reduced cost. Cabin accomodations are moderately rustic (in the church camp tradition) but comfortable: bathroom and showers are in a central facility. Participants in Family Reunion '85 reported an enriching and refreshing experience. Some took the opportunity for extended vacations centered around the Family Reunion dates. Those wishing to consider such an option this time might want to keep in mind some of the sights within a day's drive of Camp Virginia: Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Los Angeles, Disneyland, Baja California, etc., not to mention attractions only slightly further away: Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, and San Francisco.

A brochure containing full details and registration information will be distributed in January. Be ready to sent your reservation in then!



AFFIRMATION PLANS COOKBOOK

AFFIRMATION folks know how to cook. In fact, many of us are well-known for our creative approaches to the palate.

So, we've decided to use our talent in helping raise funds to underwrite our programs.

AFFIRMATION is publishing a cookbook next Spring which will recipes from our family. Cooking With Discipline and Grace will also be available on a consignment basis to local and conference AFFIRMATION groups for joint fund raising.

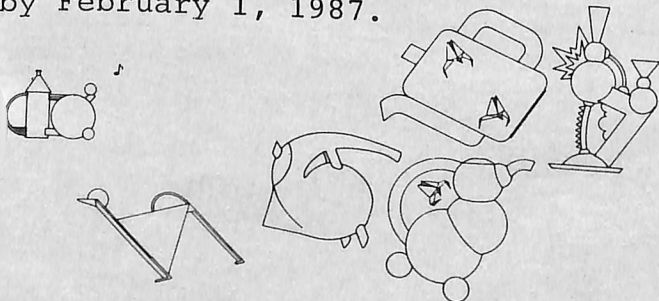
But, to make it work, we need recipes.

You are encouraged to submit as many recipes as you would like to our staff of world renown editors. Only one caveat: please make certain we have accurate ingredients, preparation steps, and cooking data.

Included with this issue of the newsletter is a sample recipe submission form. You may, of course, duplicate it. But, it would help if all recipes were submitted on a similar sheet.

Recipes should be sent to:
Warren Spare, [REDACTED]
Avenue, Richmond, CA [REDACTED].

To be considered for publication, recipes must be received by February 1, 1987.



HISTORIANS WANTED

Since AFFIRMATION celebrated its tenth anniversary a year ago, some have expressed the hope that we could document our activities and achievements in written form or through other media. The first step is to find one or more persons who would like to take this on as a project. It's a way of both ensuring some sense of history within our group and letting others know how far we have come. Volunteers, persons wishing to nominate someone else who could be asked to work on this effort, should drop a note to the Evanston PO Box.

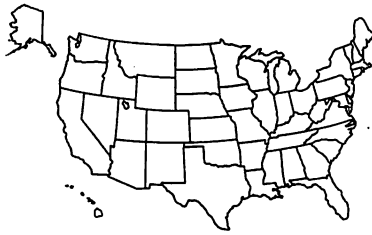


LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Looking for a Christmas gift with a purpose? A way to show someone that you really do care alot? Well this little elf suggests that you send a gift subscription to OPEN HANDS.

Subscriptions are \$10.00 per year. Single copies of back issues are available for \$3.00 a copy. Write to OPEN HANDS, P.O. Box 23636, Washington, D.C. 20026.

REGIONAL ORGANIZING



MID ATLANTIC AFFIRMATION

The Mid Atlantic group sponsored the National AFFIRMATION meeting, Sept. 19-21 at Christ and Foundry UMC's in Washington D.C. A resounding success, the meeting drew gay, lesbian and bisexual UMC'ers and friends. Scheduled fall events for the group include weekly worship and fellowship meetings at Dumbarton UMC, a hiking trip to Old Rag Mountain near the Blue Ridge, the kick off of the Foundry AFFIRMATION neighborhood Bible Study of the Gospel of John, and "Living The Covenant," an ecumenical educational event on lesbian, gay and non gay people together in the church. Leatha Scanzoni is featured. Contact Mid Atlantic AFFIRMATION at [REDACTED] Washington D.C.

ST. LOUIS AFFIRMATION

The St. Louis group meets monthly on the third Sunday at Shaw Avenue UMC. Programs for fall have included a speaker from Efforts For AIDS and a worship service and communion. A full course Pre-Christmas Dinner is planned for December 7th. The group's address: [REDACTED] St. Louis, [REDACTED] or call Bruce at [REDACTED] or Al at [REDACTED].



OKLAHOMA AFFIRMATION

"It takes a cloud to bring the blessings of rain. With Paul, it takes a 'cloud of witnesses,' a company of disciples, a group of persons with 'like concerns' to touch each other's lives and to bring healing and wholeness to each one. Let the Holy Spirit bring this wholeness to you and to us!"--from the Oklahoma AFFIRMATION newsletter. The Oklahoma City cloud meets at Clegg Memorial UMC and recent meetings have featured informal discussions with leaders of the Oklahoma Annual Conference Board of Church and Society, group visioning and the usual good fellowship. [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, OK [REDACTED].

CHICAGO AFFIRMATION

Twenty people talked about AFFIRMATION'S role with the Northern Illinois Conference as a Reconciling Conference in September. New faces were welcomed and introduced to the Chicago AFFIRMATION family in October. To join this family, contact Annette Oliver at [REDACTED] or David Gunnell at [REDACTED] or AFFIRMATION at [REDACTED].



AFFIRMATION OF MINNESOTA

The Minneapolis/St. Paul group rejoices with the news that Wesley UMC, Minneapolis has become a Reconciling Congregation. The church is searching for a coordinator of outreach ministries to the lesbian/gay community, the poor and elderly. Meeting on the second and fourth Sundays at 1:00 at Wesley, the group reports that they are growing and strengthening their ministries. Contact persons are Mike [REDACTED] Tim at [REDACTED] or Wesley UMC [REDACTED].

WESTERN NEW YORK AFFIRMATION

The Western New York group and the Hamburg UMC gay/lesbian support group is sponsoring its first annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 20th at the church. All gay, lesbian and bisexual persons, their family members and empathetic non gay persons are cordially invited to attend. For further details and information on the group's other activities call: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

NEBRASKA AFFIRMATION

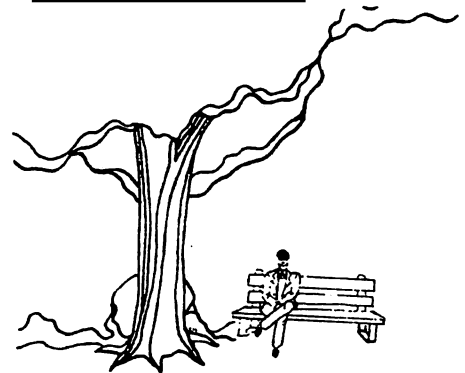
Fellowship, support and brainstorming ways to be effective agents of God's reconciliation constitute the Nebraska group's monthly meetings. Alternating between Lincoln and Omaha for meetings, the group reports growth and plans to assist with the Regional Organizing event in March in Kansas City. Nebraska AFFIRMATION: [REDACTED] Lincoln NE [REDACTED].

DALLAS/FORT WORTH AFFIRMATION

God has blessed this group through spiritual and numerical growth. Program topics at monthly potluck/worship meetings included making prayer relevant to daily living, a lovefeast communion and Biblical references often used to condemn homosexuality. Highlights from the social calendar: Cowboys game BBQ with the Genesis (young couples) Class of Oak Lawn UMC, AFFIRMATION goes to the Texas State Fair night, Halloween Party hosted by the Genesis Class, and the Texas Gay Rodeo. Write: AFFIRMATION [REDACTED] Dallas TX [REDACTED] or call [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

SACRAMENTO AFFIRMATION

The group is continuing the study and discussion of "The Road Less Traveled" by M. Scott Peck. Group members led an evening discussion on Homosexuality at St. Mark's UMC, Sacramento. Local church groups co-sponsoring the discussion were Church and Society, Education, COSROW, Youth Council and Single Adult Council. Meeting monthly, further discussions are planned. Contact Ellie and Jeanne at [REDACTED].



SEATTLE AFFIRMATION

One of our PNW family members let us in on this news at the Washington D.C. meeting on what has happened with folks at Wallingford and Capitol Hill UMC'S during the summer: Moving to new residences Michael (the stitcher) Dell and Marianne (who bought a house), Autumn and Terri and Chuck. Both Dell and Michael (same stitcher) hosted their parents all four of whom were visiting from Texas. Gary hosted family from Minnesota. Mary and Reah went to England for three weeks and learned much from an evening in London on the AIDS Interfaith Alliance. Michael (the actor) found vocational work in a leading role. Carole found a new job and ther group experimented in practical Christianity. To join the Seattle family contact [REDACTED] Seattle, Wa [REDACTED].

MADISON AFFIRMATION

Gay and lesbian United Methodists in Wisconsin met in September to vision for their group's needs and ministry. Past visions have come into reality as evidenced by AFFIRMATION's participation in AIDS Interfaith ministries and a workshop on Rape and Sexual Violence, December 5th and 6th sponsored by University UMC and the Rape Crisis Center. Work with this group to bring dreams into realities: Madison AFFIRMATION c/o University UMC 1127 University Ave. Madison WI 53715.



OREGON-IDAHO AFFIRMATION NETWORK

Thirty five persons signed in for the yearly gathering at Annual Conference on June 9th. The group came up with valuable ideas for implementing the Reconciling Congregation Program. A local group in Portland has evolved and work in Salem/Eugene, Idaho and South Metro is underway. Plug into the Network at [REDACTED] Portland OR [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].



BAY AREA AFFIRMATION

The bay area group will be meeting November 23 at 3pm for a discussion about sexism and homophobia. The meeting will be held at Albany UMC. A potluck will follow the discussion. For more information call Fritz Schultz at [REDACTED] or Virginia Hilton at [REDACTED].



SENDING OUT THE WORD

USE P.O. BOX 1021

In an effort to better serve our members, the management of national AFFIRMATION'S official mailbox has been modernized and improved.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Chicago volunteers Annette Oliver and Jan Olson, the following procedures are now in effect for P.O. Box 1021, Evanston, Ill 60204:

1. The post office box is now monitored on a regular basis, at least several times a week.
2. Mail is then promptly forwarded to the appropriate person within AFFIRMATION.
3. Records of mail are kept and AFFIRMATION folk are periodically checked to be sure that your letter has been answered or your request has been processed.



Although some delay is inevitable in a volunteer organization spread throughout the country, you can be sure that your letter has been received and promptly sent to the appropriate person.

In using our national mailbox, we ask that you keep four points in mind:

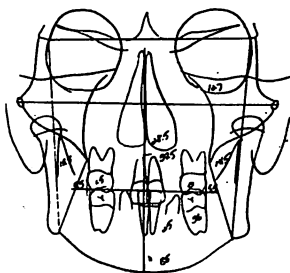
1. Let P.O. Box 1021 know when your address changes. AFFIRMATION people are a tremendously mobile population. In a recent mailing, about 10% of the letters were returned because of invalid addresses. Sending your address change to the national mailbox will insure that we know how to reach you. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks before mailing labels are changed.

2. When ever possible, use P.O. Box 1021. All general mail sent out on behalf of national AFFIRMATION should use the return address of P.O. Box 1021, Evanston IL, 60204. Using one central mailbox reduces confusion and will help insure that the right mail gets to the right person in a timely fashion.

3. Give P.O. Box 1021 some advance notice. If you expect that others in AFFIRMATION will be sending you mail through Evanston mailbox, please drop a note yourself to P.O. Box 1021 before any mailing goes out. That will insure that the Chicago volunteers will know who should get what mail where.

SENDING OUT THE WORD CON'T

4. Let P.O. Box 1021 know if there's a problem. From time to time, something will get messed up or not handled as quickly as it should be. If you get caught in that situation, please drop a note to P.O. Box 1021. We want to solve your particular problem. But we also need to know if there's a more general problem that needs to be addressed. Just telling "someone" about your problem won't keep it from happening again.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter is scheduled to come out in February. I need all articles, notices, and gossip in to me by January 26.

We welcome articles and editorials that share your experience and knowledge with other AFFIRMATION folk.

Send all materials for the newsletter to Fritz Schultz at [REDACTED] San Francisco, CA [REDACTED].

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Mike Underhill

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Chicago, IL [REDACTED]
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One lesbian whose name cannot be used.

AFFIRMATION MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

The following statement of consensus was reached at the recent national AFFIRMATION meeting in Washington, D.C.

Background

At the Spring 1986, meeting in Seattle, the Coordinating Committee was asked to re-discuss the AFFIRMATION Membership Proposal, perfect it, and bring a recommendation to the Fall meeting.

In working to complete that task, the Committee discussed alternatives with these questions/issues in mind:

1. There is a need for individuals to be able to be intentional about being part of the AFFIRMATION community. That is, individuals need a way in which they clearly articulate that they are part of the "membership."
2. We need some agreed-upon manner to purge the mailing list and, at the same time, agree to a procedure for adding names.
3. In order to implement an effective, on-going fund raising campaign, AFFIRMATION needs a membership base from which to draw financial support.
4. Frequently, media representatives ask AFFIRMATION co-spokespersons what our membership is. At present, we have no effective way to respond except to say our mailing list has approximately so many names.

5. While there are many options regarding membership which will serve the dual purpose of creating a membership base and creating a financial foundation, AFFIRMATION must guard against becoming an exclusive group based on one's ability to pay.
6. Whatever plan is adopted, record keeping must be relatively simple or the plan will defeat several of its stated purposes.
7. Many in the AFFIRMATION community have expressed the position that intentionality for becoming part of the community must include more than responding to a post office box at some time in history.

One's membership in AFFIRMATION is determined by declaration of one or more of the following four methods:

1. Payment of dues on an annual basis as follows:
Student/Fixed Income \$10.00
Regular Membership \$20.00
2. Attendance at one of the two annual national meetings and payment of the registration fee;
3. Active involvement in AFFIRMATION activities at the local, conference or national level; or
4. The declaration of one's intentionality to be a "member" of AFFIRMATION either by stating so in writing or responding to some form of communication.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL CON'T

Members will receive the newsletter as part of membership. Separate subscriptions are required for Open Hands.

Individuals who wish to have a subscription to the newsletter without being a member of AFFIRMATION could subscribe for an annual rate of \$15.00. Annual subscription rates for institutions who wish to receive the newsletter would be \$30.00.

Membership would be renewable on annual basis beginning January 1, 1987, with all memberships expiring December 31, of each year.

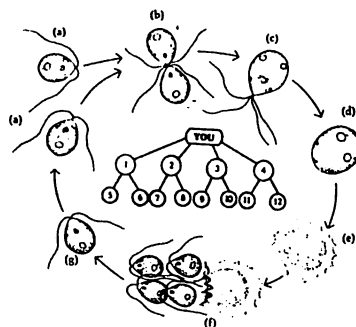
All members will continue to pay announced registration fees for the annual national meetings which they attend.

The membership enrollment form will include an option for members to give above the stated fee. And, all memberships will be acknowledged with a membership card which includes the amount paid, the amount pledged, and an expiration date.

Members would receive one (1) additional newsletter following expiration of a nonrenewed membership which would include a notice that, unless a renewal is received, this would be their last copy.

Initially, a first-class mailing will be sent to all on the mailing list indicating how one becomes a member of AFFIRMATION and asking for a response. In addition, copies of a special membership enrollment letter will be provided in bulk to local chapters, conference groups, or representatives in conferences for distribution to those who are involved at that level but may not be on the national mailing list.

Membership information will be included in all issues of the newsletter and Open Hands.



RCP WELCOMES NEW RECONCILING CONGREGATION

We are happy to announce the addition of one more Reconciling Congregation! We welcome the 17th R.C. Wesley United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our family is growing!



MINNESOTA CONFERENCE CHALLENGES UM REPORTER DECISION

At its annual session last June, the Minnesota Conference called for a reversal of the decision last year by publisher Spurgeon Dunnam III that the United Methodist Reporter would no longer carry a classified advertisement giving the name and mailing address of AFFIRMATION. The resolution was sponsored by persons active in AFFIRMATION/Twin Cities and in Wesley UMC, Minneapolis, which became a Reconciling Congregation in October.



AFFIRMATION was notified in November 1985 that the paper would no longer carry the ad because of the "objectionable nature" of some of the materials sent in response inquiries. Reporter officials never replied to a request from AFFIRMATION spokespersons that they identify what specific items were considered objectionable. The Reporter had been receiving many complaints from readers about the ad. The paper did not communicate its concern to AFFIRMATION spokespersons until the decision to pull it had already been made. The official reason stated for the decision was that it was contrary to Reporter policy which required all advertising to be consistent with the United Methodist Social Principles. Since AFFIRMATION is an advocacy group, Dunnam reasoned, its advertising could not be permitted to continue. 15

Jean Dowell, director of the Minnesota Conference Council on Ministries and member of the executive committee of the publication's board of governors, took the conference's action to the Reporter board meeting in early October. Armed with copies of the materials that had been sent in response to the classified ad, Ms. Dowell called for reconsideration of the previous action. As expected, board members reaffirmed the advertising policy and the responsibility of Dunnam to enforce that policy according to his understanding of it. Ms. Dowell said after the meeting that she felt it was good the Conference had sent its message to the Reporter.

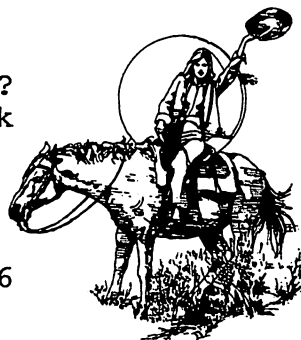


A small display ad for Open Hands (formerly Manna for the Journey, journal of the Reconciling Congregation Program) was submitted to the Reporter in September, along with back copies of the publication. At the time of the Reporter board meeting, about three weeks after the ad had been sent to Dallas, advertising staff at first denied to Dowell that they had received it. It was referred to Dunnam for a decision about publication. As of October 27, the Reporter still had not indicated whether the ad would be run. It has been accepted for publication in major publications such as Christianity and Crisis.

SPRING MEETING

THE LOVE - HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTION

What is the glue which holds us to the United Methodist Church? Love?....Hate?....Both? As we look on the horizon and see the next General Conference looming ahead, we will take time out in April to explore our relationship to the UMC. We will gather on April 24-26 1987 in Nashville, TN.



Come to Nashville and join the AFFIRMATION community's reflection on our love-hate relationship (individual and collective) to the Church. This will not be a typical verbal weekend! We will explore the topic through creative methodsmusic, drama, storytelling, writing, clay etc.

Come to Nashville and get involved with the vital work of AFFIRMATION. We need your input on our preparation for General Conference, on our continuing work with the Reconciling Congregation Program and on our Regional Organizing efforts.

Come to Nashville (The U.M. Mecca) and experience the spring-time beauty of the mid-south, the southern hospitality, the warm(er) weather.

Please send the enclosed registration form as soon as possible. Registration forms must be received by April 14.



REGISTRATION FORM

"THE LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTION"

April 24-26, 1987

Nashville, TN

(Please send this in as soon as possible)

Name _____ Home Phone (opt.) _____
Address _____ Work Phone (opt.) _____
_____ Zip Code _____

Please include your registration fee payable to
"NATIONAL AFFIRMATION".

I. Please check one of the following:

- ____ I am coming to Nashville. My registration is enclosed.
____ I am coming to Nashville. and will send in my
registration by April 14.
____ I cannot come to Nashville but want to enclose a
contribution.

II. If you are coming to Nashville, please give us the
following information:

- ____ I am arriving on _____ (please give date) and will
need housing in a private home from _____ (date) to
_____ (date). _____ I prefer a non-smoking home
(please check).
____ I am arriving on _____ (please give date) and would
like information on nearby hotels at which to stay.
____ I have special dietary and/or housing concerns.
Please list special needs below.

<u>REGISTRATION FEE:</u>	Student/fixed income/subsistance income	\$10
	Up to \$15,000 a year	\$30
	\$15,000 to \$30,000	\$45
	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$60
	\$50,000 and above	\$75

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